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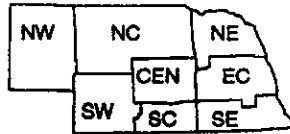
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals across the State. Precipitation varied from none at Ord to around four inches in the Panhandle.

GENERAL

Fall harvest activities were slowed last week due to rainfall and continued damp weather conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. These same harvest-delaying weather conditions will be beneficial to winter wheat plantings and fall pasture growth. Producer activities included some fall crop harvesting, "catching up" on errands and repairs, and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn harvest activities slowed last week due to wet weather conditions. At 29% harvested, progress remained ahead of the 5-year average of 27% completed. Virtually all of the corn has reached maturity and field dry down was progressing well.

Soybean harvest progressed well last week but also at a slower pace. About 64% of the crop had been combined by week's end, ahead of last year at 55% and the 5-year average at 58%. The south central district remained the most advanced area harvested.

CROPS (Cont.)

Sorghum harvest was also slowed due to weather conditions, but not as much as other crops. As of Sunday, 33% of the crop had been harvested and compares with 4% last year and 28% for the 5-year average.

Sugar beet harvest continued when field conditions permitted. Rainfall halted deliveries to sugar companies temporarily.

Dry edible bean harvest was nearly completed.

Winter wheat seeding was virtually complete by week's end with emergence rated at 84% to date. Last week's rainfall should benefit emerged wheat as well as fields waiting for moisture to germinate. With heaviest rainfall reported in the Panhandle, producers indicate benefits from moisture outweigh any damage from surface erosion.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 84% of normal and compares with 102% last year. Producers continued to move cattle to stalk fields as soon as fields became available. Supplemental hay continued to be necessary for cattle on pastures with depleted grazing potential. Recent rainfall should benefit fall pastures. Producers were working and weaning calves.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 9, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn mature	99	97	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	98	81	93
% corn harvested	28	20	19	32	32	22	41	32	29	22	9	27
% sorghum mature	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	97	64	84
% sorghum harvested	0	44	33	31	38	34	51	24	33	23	4	28
% soybeans harvested	0	80	47	68	76	57	95	61	64	55	55	58
% wheat sown	100	100	95	100	100	100	100	87	98	94	97	97
% wheat emerged	94	75	87	87	74	85	88	57	84	66	74	80
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 7, 1994												
Days suitable	2.5	3.4	2.2	3.2	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.5	2.9	5.6	6.1	
Topsoil moisture - Short	14	42	0	33	5	13	46	0	19	52	14	
(Percent) - Adequate	72	58	95	67	42	87	54	86	68	45	76	
- Surplus	14	0	5	0	53	0	0	14	13	3	10	
Subsoil moisture - Short	71	61	5	17	26	75	46	43	43	45	4	
(Percent) - Adequate	29	39	95	83	74	25	54	57	57	55	89	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	

n/a = not available.

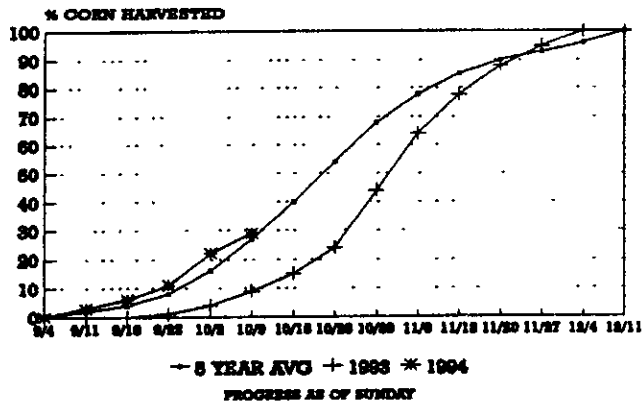
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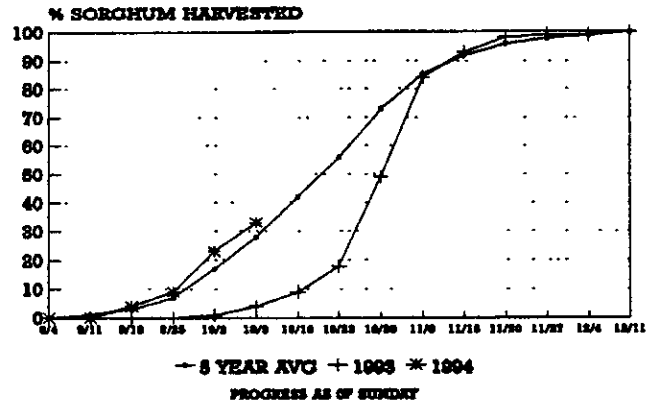
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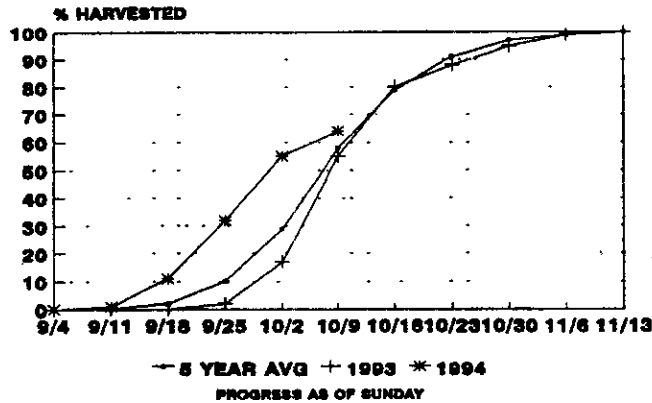
CORN HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



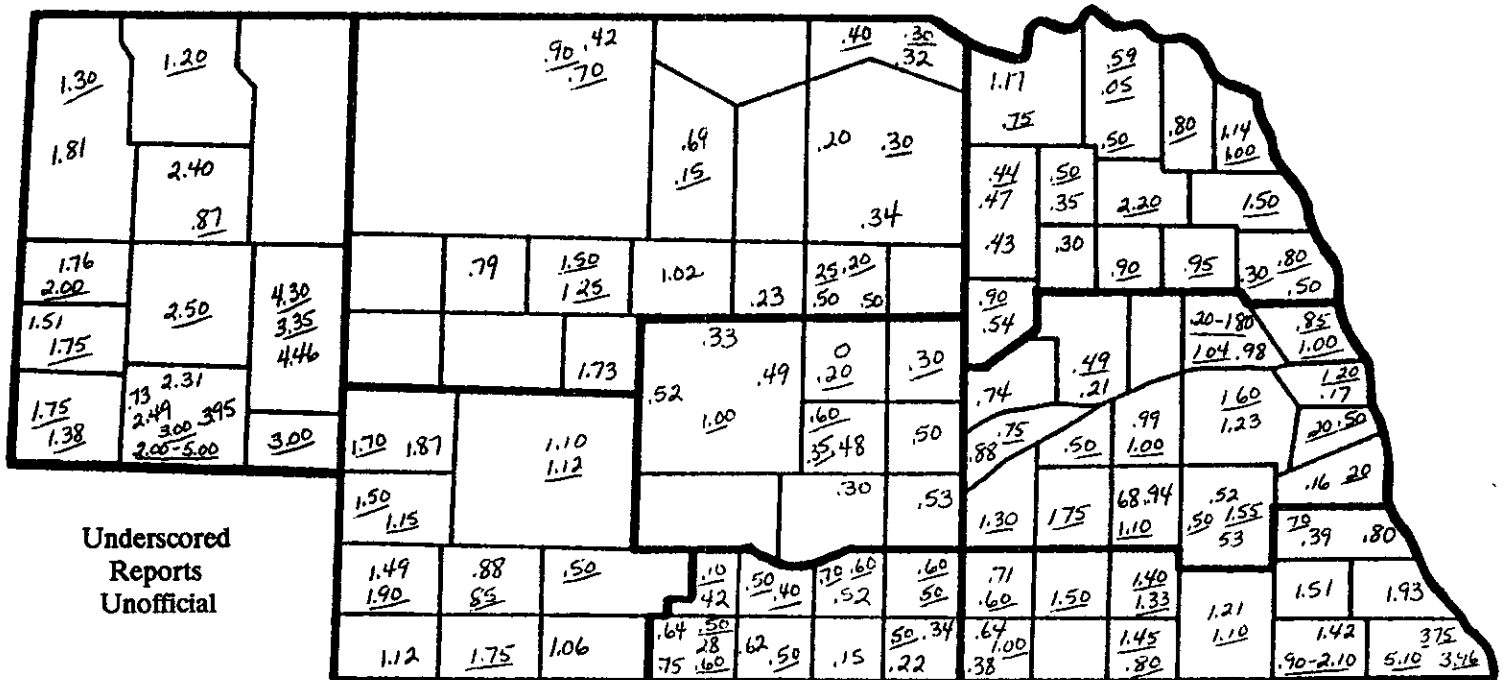
SORGHUM HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1994



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1994

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	---	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	75	32	52	-2	1.76
	Sidney	74	34	52	---	.73
NC	Valentine	72	30	54	+1	.42
NE	Norfolk	78	35	57	+1	.30
	Sioux City	76	35	56	0	1.14
CEN	Grand Island	77	34	57	0	.53
	Ord	73	28	56	---	0
EC	Lincoln	78	33	59	+1	.52
	Omaha	76	37	59	+1	.17
SW	Imperial	---	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	73	29	54	0	1.10